Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—He has been there for quite a number of years. I cannot exactly tell you ; it may be six or seven years. Nobody has complained against his work but there is a method of recruitment which has got to be adopted. It is not as if because a person has been acting in a post he has got to be confirmed. He has been there because there has not been an equivalent post where he can be posted.

Sri C. M. ARUMUGHAM.—Was he acting as Principal or was he made permanent ? How long has he been there ?

Sri A. R. BADARINARAYANA.—He is acting as Principal ; he has been there since 6 or 7 years as I said earlier.

KUDREMUKH IRON ORE PROJECT

1018. Smt. ADDY SALDHANA (Mangalore) :—

Will the Minister for Industries be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the present stage of Kudremukh iron ore project;

(*b*) whether Government would expedite the same and take steps for early commissioning of this project ?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA (Minister for Industries) :—

(*a*) After investigation and testing, detailed project report has been prepared jointly by the National Mineral Development Corporation, Marcona Corporation of USA and three Japanese Companies.

(*b*) Yes.

Smt. ADDY SALDHANA.—Is it a fact that these companies have backed out and the iron ore project is at a standstill ?

†Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—It is not a fact that these companies have backed out. Very recently, I have information that a high-power official team went to Japan to negotiate with the Japanese buyers. The Japanese buyers have reiterated their willingness to buy ores from India but they do not want it in the form of slurry but they want it in the form of shinters. The Government of India team has come back to the country and is working out the details of the changed methodology.

Smt. ADDY SALDHANA.—When will the iron ore that has been stored, be cleared ?

Sri S.M. KRISHNA.—Whenever it is ready for shipment.

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA.—Sir, you have said that after investigation and testing, detailed project report has been prepared jointly by the National Mineral Development Corporation, Marcona Corporation

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of U.S.A. and three Japanese Companies. The report is ready. Will you please consider placing that report before this House?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—This is a 100 per cent Government of India Project scheme. The Kudremukh iron ore project report has been prepared jointly by the National Mineral Development Corporation, the Marcona Corporation of U.S.A. and the Japanese Companies. I do not know what exactly the Hon. Member has in mind. Which report has he got in mind?

Sri H. S. SIDDAPPA.—The Government of Mysore is very much concerned at least with this iron ore project. Therefore, why should you not get this report from the Government of India and consider in the interest of the State, whether that report is in favour of the project?

Sri S. M. KRISHNA.—I have absolutely no doubt that the Government of India is very serious about the Kudremukh Iron Ore Development Project and so far as the Government of Mysore is concerned, we have been certainly instisting on the Government of India that they should hurry up with this project.

So far as placing the report on the table of the House is concerned, I am not competent to do that.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಆರ್. ಶ್ರೀನಿವಾಸಲು ನಾಯ್ಡು.—ಕುದುರೆಮುಖ ಯೋಜನೆ ಬಹಳ ಮುಖ್ಯ ವಾದುದು. ಅದರಿಂದ ಮಂಗಳೂರು ಬಂದರು ಡೆವಲಪ್ ಆಗುವುದು. ಇದನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಗತ ಮಾಡಲು ಎಷ್ಟು ದಿವಸ ಬೇಕು? ಇದನ್ನು ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ತಗೆದುಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕು, ಪೈನಾರು ಸರಕಾರ ಒತ್ತಾಯ ಮಾಡುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಇದನ್ನು ವಿಜಯನಗರದ ಯೋಜನೆಯಂತೆ ಕೋಲ್ಡ್ ಸ್ಟೋರೇಜಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಇಡುವರೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಎಂ. ಕೃಷ್ಣ.—ವಿಜಯನಗರ ಯೋಜನೆಯನ್ನು ಕೋಲ್ಡ್ ಸ್ಟೋರೇಜ್ ನಲ್ಲಿಟ್ಟಿದ್ದಾರೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಕುದುರೆ ಮುಖ ಪ್ರಾಜೆಕ್ಟಿಗೆ ರೂಪರೇಖೆಯಿದೆ. ಜಪಾನನ್ನು ಕೇಳಬೇಕು. ಅಮೆರಿಕ ಕಂಪೆನಿಯು ಪೈನಿಂಗ್ ಅಪರೇಷನ್ನಿಗೆ ಸಹಾಯ ಮಾಡಬೇಕು ಇದರಿಂದ ಮಾತ್ರ ವಿಳಂಬವಾಗಿದೆ ಕೇಂದ್ರ ಸರಕಾರ ಮತ್ತು ರಾಜ್ಯಸರಕಾರಗಳೆರಡೂ ಈ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ತೀವ್ರವಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸಮಾಡುತ್ತಿವೆ.

ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು.—ಈ ಪ್ರಶ್ನೋತ್ತರಗಳ ಕಾಲ ಮುಗಿಯಿತು.

QUESTIONS FOR ANSWERS ON THE DAY

(BUT NOT TAKNE UP)

CONSTRUCTION OF SITARAMIAH TANK

657. Sri M. B. RAMASWAMY (Anekal).—

Will the Minister for Public Works and Electricity be pleased to state;

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the Plans and Estimates in respect of Sitaramaiah (Kasab) Tank, Anekal Taluk (Kavalahosahalli) are prepared;